

**Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

**Listing of the Claims:**

Claims 1-15 Canceled

Claim 16 (New) A method of making a salt of S-[2-[(1-Iminoethyl)-amino]ethyl]-2-methyl-L-cysteine, comprising removing counterions from S-[2-[(1-Iminoethyl)-amino]ethyl]-2-methyl-L-cysteine dihydrochloride in solution by contacting S-[2-[(1-Iminoethyl)-amino]ethyl]-2-methyl-L-cysteine dihydrochloride in solution with an appropriate ion exchange membrane, separating the solution containing S-[2-[(1-Iminoethyl)-amino]ethyl]-2-methyl-L-cysteine from the ion exchange membrane, and contacting the S-[2-[(1-Iminoethyl)-amino]ethyl]-2-methyl-L-cysteine with at least one counterion other than hydrochloride ion.

Claim 17 (New) The method of claim 16 wherein at least one counterion is a cation.

Claim 18 (New) The method of claim 16 wherein at least one counterion is a anion.

Claim 19 (New) The method of claim 16 wherein two stoichiometric counterions are contacted with S-[2-[(1-Iminoethyl)-amino]ethyl]-2-methyl-L-cysteine.

Claim 20 (New) The method of claim 19 wherein two stoichiometric counterions are different from one another.